

REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Rodee for indicating allowability of Claims 19, 22, 33 and 35 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application, as amended, in view of the following remarks.

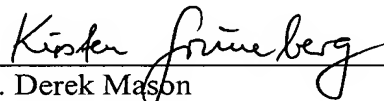
The rejection of Claims 17-20, 22, 23, 31-33 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a), is obviated by the amendment of Claims 17 and 31.

The objections to Claims 18, 20, 23 and 32 are moot in view of the cancellation of these claims.

This application presents allowable subject matter, and the Examiner is kindly requested to pass it to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the claims or otherwise wish to discuss this case, he is kindly invited to contact Applicants' below-signed representative, who would be happy to provide any assistance deemed necessary in speeding this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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